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Conclusion

The invention of the application is not patentable.

Result of novelty search

D1: US 5 343 949

D2: US 4 714 117

Evaluation of patentability

D1 shows an apparatus for isolating zones in a well consisting of solid pipe members P, P', slotted pipe members S, S', seals 20, 20' and a shoe (245).

D2 shows a perforated casing 10, 16, 32-38 having casing packers 18, 40-44 for isolating production zones in the well from one another.

Novelty:

The invention according to claim 1 is known in its entirety from D1, and claim 1 therefore does not set forth a new invention. The same applies to claim 5. It can neither be seen that the methods of claims 6 and 7 set forth anything new in relation to D1.

Inventive step:

Since the invention according to the claims 1, 5, 6 and 7 does not set forth anything new, the claims neither exhibit an inventive step. The invention according to the claims 1, 5, 6 and 7 therefore is not patentable, cf. Section 2 of the Patents Act. It can neither be seen that the dependent claims set forth a patentable invention.

Formal lacks

Claim 5 in the reality sets forth the same as claim 1, and therefore can not be approved as an independent claim, cf. PR part C chapter III 3.1.2. The claims lack reference numerals. cf. Section 3-10 of the Patent Provisions.

Directions

This action must be responded to within the above-mentioned term. If not, the application will be shelved, cf. Section 15 of the Patents Act.



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